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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MARIO TENUTA ET AL.

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Title: METHOD FOR THE TREATMENT OF A SOIL
CONTAINING SOILBORNE PATHOGENS

December 10, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT BEFORE ACTION

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In the matter of the above identified application, would the Office kindly enter
the instant amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of controlling soilborne pathogens in a soil comprising the
step of adding a nitrogen containing material and a pH reducing agent to said soil, said
pH reducing agent being present in an amount sufficient to reduce soil pH below 5.5,
said nitrogen containing material being present in an amount sufficient to convert said
nitrogen containing material to nitrous acid to thereby control said soilborne
pathogens.

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